



News Desk Action Officer

Lieutenant Shawn Eklund

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A native of Monroe County, W.Va., Lieutenant Eklund joined the Navy in July of 1994, and served aboard the carriers: USS America (CV 66), USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), and USS Nimitz (CVN 68). He reported to Fleet Combat Camera, Atlantic in February 2002 as the Leading Petty Officer of the Combat Photojournalism Department.

During his three years at Fleet Combat Camera, Atlantic he was twice awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for meritorious service as a Crew Chief of a Joint Combat Camera Team. He was recognized as the National Association of Naval Photographers (NANP) "2003 Photographer of the Year" and was also selected as Fleet Combat Camera, Atlantic's Sailor of the year for two

consecutive years 2003 and 2004.

LT Eklund is a graduate of the Navy's prestigious Advanced Photojournalism Program at Syracuse University and in May of 2006, was hand selected to serve as the official photographer to the Secretary of the Navy.

Commissioned under the Limited Duty Officer and Chief Warrant Officer Program in 2007, LT Eklund completed the Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island and reported to the flagship for Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) as the Public Affairs Officer, where he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (fifth award) and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (third award).

He re-designated as a Public Affairs Officer in 2010, and accepted orders to the Navy Office of Information as the Director of Emerging Media. His responsibilities include leading the enterprise management of social media by the Navy to include the development of content, best practices, policy, training, manning, monitoring, and analysis of major social media platforms. He resides in Woodbridge, Virginia with his wife Rachael and their three sons, Caleb, Riley and Noah.